AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for improving the printing of an image, said method including:

receiving a source image of original pixel data;

trapping the source image of original pixel data;

tagging data in the trapping step; and

dithering the data tagged in the trapping step with a halftone type which is different from the system halftone ultimately applied to the rest of the source image.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the trapping is performed upon source image black data.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the trapping is performed upon source image color data separation.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the trapping is performed upon a image shape data color separation only if there is another color separation to be developed.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a high frequency halftone type.
- 6. (Canceled)

- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a diffused type halftone.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the dithering is a stochastic type halftone.